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Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"That memorandum has not been printed. Will the hon. the Law Member please see that that memorandum is published, if it has not been already ordered to be published?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Oh, yes. I have no objection."

Prisons and Prisoners

Number of political prisoners confined in jails on the 1st July 1933.

* 56 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of political prisoners in jails on 1st July 1933;

(*b*) how many of them are yet to serve a term of more than six months; and

(*c*) how many of them were convicted in this Presidency and how many of them were brought from outside?

A.—(*a*) 480.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not possible for the Government to get the information and furnish it to the House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Certainly it is possible, but I am afraid that it will not serve any useful purpose to obtain it. If, however, my hon. Friend is very particular, I shall consider the suggestion of getting it."

Inland Waterways

Expenditure on account of the maintenance of the Buckingham canal.

* 57 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boats, along with their total tonnage, that were plying for hire in the Buckingham Canal in the years 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930; and

(*b*) the amount of money spent by the Government for keeping that canal in a state of repair in the years 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930?

A.—(*a*)

Year.		Number of boats—cargo and passenger.	Total tonnage—cargo and passenger.
1900–01	..	Not available.	159,015
1910–11	..	Do.	281,943
1920–21	..	2,012 *	142,284¼
1930–31	..	2,340 *	114,709½

* These figures include all kinds of boats that plied in the canal. Separate figures giving the number of boats that plied for hire, and of those belonging to Government departments and private individuals that did not ply for hire are not available.